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## SWOOP ON TERRORIST HIDE-OUT

### Britain's Appeal

#### Wants Cooperation From Moderates

London, Jan. 8.  
A high government source revealed today that Great Britain has called upon Jewish leaders for "active co-operation" in a campaign against the extremists in Palestine.

The source said Jewish leaders now have the British request under consideration.

Although we did not directly ask for it, Britain would welcome the assistance of the Hagannah in a fight against terrorists," he said. "There are many ways in which the Hagannah could assist without actually taking up arms," he added.

Although the Hagannah has condemned extremist activities the organization previously has refused active assistance to the British in tracking down members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang. Also, the Hagannah has refused to serve as informers against terrorist gang members.

#### PALESTINE CONFERENCE

The source confirmed that the British Cabinet was "anxious" to secure Jewish participation in the forthcoming Palestine conference and he expressed optimism that an acceptable formula to bring this about would be found.

He said the Cabinet had not fixed the "extent of anti-terrorist steps to be taken in Palestine" but added that High Commissioner Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham would return to Palestine "with general power directives" increasing his authority for an active combat against extremists.

He said, however, Cunningham would confer with Jewish leaders in Palestine before any new steps were to be taken.

The source said that "Britain feels that if the Jews will come to the Palestine conference the question of partition of Palestine into independent Jewish and Arab states is bound to emerge."

He said Britain could not propose partition at the conference opened "because this would probably result in an Arab walkout." However, he said, Britain would not press for the adoption of the so-called "Morrison plan for provincial autonomy" which has been condemned by Jews and Arabs alike.

He predicted the Cabinet would evolve no new British policy for Palestine before the conference but would merely formulate "sailing directions" for the guidance of the British delegation.—United Press.

### World's Oldest Living Actor

Krakow, Poland.  
Ludwik Sokol, 93, who claims to be the world's oldest actor, has just returned here after giving 102 performances in the comedy, "Fat Fish," in Warsaw. After a short rest, he says, he wants to go back to work.—Associated Press.

### Ambassador Due At Canton

Canton, Jan. 8.  
Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador to China, who was to come here from Nanking today, has postponed his trip to January 14 owing to bad flying weather.—Central News.

### EDITORIAL

#### A Few Reflectors If You Please!

THE motorist in Hongkong, as in other parts of the world, gets blamed for a lot of things. The average pedestrian will variously describe him as "bumptious," "careless," "crazy" or a "road hog." Not infrequently, especially in these days of high-powered jeeps and military trucks, the epithet is fitting. When a vehicle is involved in an accident with a pedestrian there is a tendency, almost automatically, to assume that the driver was to blame. In the eyes of the public the motorist, as distinct from the customer, is seldom a risk.

But sometimes there are occasions when a motorist becomes the injured party; when, in trying to avoid thoughtless jay-walkers, he gets a badly damaged car for his trouble. Neither are his feelings improved when he discovers that the damage has been caused by a public obstruction against which the authorities offer him no protection.

We refer to the traffic island at the corner of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road which, at night time, has become a positive menace to drivers. Almost every night the plinth of that traffic island involves some motorist in a crash and subsequently some intricate repair work to his vehicle. The reason is the plinth cannot be seen after dark.

We suggest that the F.V.D. might let their heads go and invest in a couple of hundred dollars for some red reflectors to be placed around the plinth of the Pedder Street island and thus give motorists reasonable warning that an obstruction lies ahead. Even "bumptious" drivers are entitled to that protection.

## Latest Situation In Palestine

### Jerusalem, Jan. 8.

The Palestine police to-night throw a heavy security cloak over the identities of three "very important persons" caught earlier in a surprise swoop on a terrorist hide-out near Tel-Aviv.

All eighteen terrorists arrested—alleged members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi—were Oriental Jews of the type forming the backbone of terrorist organisations.

The old Jewish township of Reichenon Zion, in the centre of the Palestine wine-growing industry, was sleeping at dawn to-day when the police and the red berets of the 6th Airborne Division quietly infiltrated through the neighbouring orange groves and began their search. Four girls were among the eighteen arrests.

To-night, Menahim Begin, 35-year-old leader of the Irgun, broadcast an appeal to the Jewish population of Palestine asking them to prevent civil war among themselves.

The voice of the self-styled "Commander-in-Chief"—who has a price of £2,000 on his head—came over the secret radio "Voice of Fighting Zion." His appeal came with the lull in terrorist activity which up till late to-night had lasted over 48 hours.

#### IRGUN'S WARNING

The announcer also said: "Irgun will fight any British plans for a settlement of the Palestine problem, even if those plans be acceptable to the majority of the Jewish Agency."

The broadcast did not confirm the rumours of a temporary truce in the Irgun's terrorist attacks on the British forces in Palestine, but concluded by stating that partition as a solution to the Palestine problem would be "unacceptable."

Meanwhile, reports from London state that according to Jewish observers a last-minute appeal to the British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, against the enforcement of martial law in Palestine, was made in the British capital to-night by the chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, David Ben-Gurion.

These observers add that they are optimistic that this appeal has been successful.

#### ZIONIST OPINION

Moderate Zionist opinion in London is that Ben-Gurion's "peace mission" would not have the slightest chance of success once martial law had been applied, while the British Government is known to be reluctant to adopt a stronger military policy at the present juncture.

In British political quarters it is not believed that the long-term prospects of the Palestine problem were discussed at to-day's meeting between Mr. Creech-Jones and Ben-Gurion. The latter will fly to Palestine tomorrow. Arrangements have been made by the Colonial Office for his trip.

His original intention had been to go by sea, but owing to the urgency of the terrorist situation, he has changed his plans.

### Noma Visits Old Offices



Commander of the notorious Gendarmerie during the Japanese occupation of Hongkong, Col Noma Kennosuke is now facing trial in a war crimes court. He accompanied officials yesterday on an inspection of his former headquarters in the Supreme Court, when the above picture was taken. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

## LEGION DESERTERS JOIN VIET NAMHESE

By Doon Campbell

Saigon, Jan. 8.

German deserters from the French Foreign Legion are reported to have joined the Viet Namhese troops lurking in the flat paddy, woods and swamps of the southern Indo-Chinese state of Cochinchina, which is still peaceful though fighting between the French and Viet Namhese forces has been raging in the north of France's Far Eastern territory for a month.

The Foreign Legion still recruited from tough soldier of fortune of many nations, arrived in Indo-China only a few days ago. Viet Namhese leaflets asking "Why are you fighting for France?" are reported to be behind the German desertion. The French authorities put the Viet Namhese military strength in Cochinchina at 11,000, but other informed quarters estimate there are more than 50,000 under cover.

The claim of the Viet Namhese to have Cochinchina included in a completely independent Viet Namhese republic is one of the basic causes of the present strife.

Despite mounting tension the French, who have a strong garrison in Saigon, believe the situation is well in hand.

#### Clock Back A Year

The current hostilities and political upheaval have, observers feel, put the clock back at least one year in Indo-China.

To all intents and purposes the provisional agreement signed last October in Paris by Dr. Ho Chi Minh, President of the Viet Namhese Republic, and M. Marius Moutet, French Colonial Minister, has been scrapped, leaving French Asia with many of the characteristics of an occupied country.

The two Indo-Chinese kingdoms of Laos and Cambodia are calm. Reports from Hanoi, capital of Tonkin, said that French paratroops, air force, navy and ground forces, have relieved the French garrison at Nam Dinh, 70 kilometres to the south. It was the biggest action yet fought. The Viet Namhese are being mopped up and a flotilla of river boats has evacuated the civilian population and wounded troops.

One column moving from Hanoi towards Haiduong, 40 kilometres inland from the port of Haiphong, has linked up with another column coming in from the opposite direction.

It added that Viet Namhese artillery fire has slackened in Hanoi and that Viet Namhese troops trying to escape from the Chinese-Annamite quarter of the town have been thrown back. Viet Namhese concentrations have been observed at Anhai in the Langson area about 130 kilometres north of Hanoi.

M. Moutet, French Minister for Colonies, left Saigon by air to-day for Paris at the end of his fortnight's fact-finding mission to Indo-China. (Continued on Page 4)

### Just How Do The Russians Live?

It's a question that has often been asked by the other five-sixths of the world. The "Hongkong Telegraph" is now in a position to give the answer through a series of brilliant articles written by John Lawrence, British Press Attache in Moscow from 1924 to 1945.

In his penetrating contributions, John Lawrence tells "Telegraph" readers how the ordinary Russian man-in-the-street lives. What his home is like... what sort of clothes he wears... how much food he gets... and what his family life is like. "How the Russians Really Live" is to become an additional feature of the popular Saturday edition of the "Hongkong Telegraph," starting this week.

Take certain of your copy of the "Telegraph" on Saturday and read these absorbing and exclusive articles.

## Repudiates Charges

### Dutch Statement On Indonesia

Batavia, Jan. 9.

The Netherlands East Indies Government stated formally yesterday that it "most emphatically repels" charges by Republican officials that the Netherlands is responsible for a recent deterioration in the Indonesian situation.

The strongly worded statement charged that "measures found necessary in the past three weeks are all due to the increasing menace of aggression which became more apparent after the December 26 speech by Soedirman" (Indonesian Army Commander-in-Chief). The Dutch declaring that true difficulties were constantly caused by the Indonesians, charged that agreements had been unilaterally repudiated, and that clearly co-ordinated attacks had "unhinged" the Nationalists. A statement promised to make available to the press to-day documentary evidence proving Indonesian responsibility for the clash.

#### THE OTHER SIDE

Vice President Mohammed Hatta, Indonesian Army Commander-in-Chief Soedirman, and the Defence Minister, Amir-Soedjodjo, each threw down the gauntlet to the Dutch in addresses before a mass meeting of thousands called at the Republican capital of Djogjakarta in a protest against Dutch actions at Palembang, Medan and Sumatra.

"We still want to follow the road to peace, but Dutch militarists are sabotaging the policy of their own government," said Hatta. "If the soldiers of General Spoor (Dutch Commander-in-Chief) extend out of Dutch territory, we are prepared to stop them. They may test the (Continued on Page 4)

## Stories Of Stranded War Brides Officially Denied

London, Jan. 8.

Newspapers which yesterday smash-played New York dispatches that British war brides were stranded and living in squalor in America to-day largely ignored the vehement denials by British and United States officials that such conditions existed.

Only the Daily Telegraph printed a dispatch from its New York correspondent quoting the British Consul-General there, Sir Francis Evans, as stating that accounts published in London were a "gross exaggeration."

The Daily Telegraph likewise published statements by officials of the English Speaking Union and the American Red Cross expressing indignation at the sensational treatment given the story.

The press to-day concentrated on an Alabama judge who "set aside" a divorce granted to a GI from his British bride. Most of the morning newspapers front-paged the decision of Judge Robert J. Wheeler of Birmingham, Alabama, who said he had made a mistake in granting the divorce to Charles Woodrow Vincent from Minnie Vincent, of Northampton, on grounds of desertion. He said he had read 1946 as 1945—and therefore the required 12 months desertion period was not complied with.

Mrs Vincent told London newspapers this week that when she arrived in New York last August she was told her husband had divorced her and remarried. She alleged that another woman had impersonated her during the divorce proceedings. During the ensuing enquiry in London and in Birmingham the mistake was discovered.

Mrs Vincent said to-day of her husband who, in the meantime, has reportedly "disappeared," "If he is still my husband he will have to keep me. I am ready to go back to America to make him do so."—United Press.

## TRUMAN'S WARNING TO CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 8.

President Truman warned Congress to-day that the rejection of his administration's tariff reducing programme would have "produced effects on world politics and prospects for creating enduring peace."

This counter-attack to the current Republican drive against the Government's international trade policies was made in the Democratic President's economic report to the Republican dominated Congress.

The President, who called for sharp cuts in the present soaring prices in the United States, also said: "I reject—and I know the American people reject—the notion that we must have another depression."

Referring to tariffs, the President said: "We must not of course indulge in indiscriminate reduction of barriers to imports—such a policy is not contemplated. The willingness of many other countries to enter the proposed Trade Organization (agreed on at the London Preparatory conference in November 1946) will depend to a great extent on our attitude in connection with the reciprocal trade negotiations scheduled for this year."

"In return for our own tariff concessions, we can hope to secure not only a reduction of foreign tariffs and discriminations but also the elimination of a mass of restrictions, in particular, the rigid import quotas which prevent our access to foreign markets."

"If we fail to do our part in putting international economic relations on a healthier basis, it is quite likely that some other countries will feel compelled to increase their own controls."

"Such developments would then break the world into trading blocs and could have profound effects on world politics and prospects for creating enduring peace."

President Truman termed the formation of an international trade association as the "most important step we can take to re-establishing a high volume of foreign trade on a sound basis," and disclosed that trade in the form of goods and services abroad totalled \$15,000,000,000 in 1946 as compared to the \$4,000,000,000 pre-war yearly average.

"In the long run, however, we can sell to other countries only if we are willing to buy from them or to invest our funds abroad."—Reuter.

#### VARIED RECEPTION

Washington, Jan. 9.

President Truman called on business to cut prices and on Congress to moderate in its wage demands. Mr. Truman's requests were contained in the President's first annual economic report to Congress. It met a varied reception.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Democrat, called it "a policy for the preservation of the capitalist system."

Senator Kenneth S. Wherry, Republican, scoffed at it as "just a campaign statement."

President Truman said the course he charted are to sustain jobs and production in the United States which "has never been so strong or so prosperous."

He urged prompt steps to bolster buying power. He emphasised heavy price cuts rather than wage increases as the way to do it.—Associated Press.

## STOP PRESS

### Cabaret Girl Strangled

A beautiful and fashionably dressed Chinese cabaret girl, Koon Siu-ha, 10, was found strangled at room 331 at the Great Eastern Hotel, Connaught Road Central shortly after midnight this morning by her amah.

The victim of this grim murder was found to be fully dressed. Sub-Inspector White of the Central Police is in charge of investigations.

According to a story which cannot be confirmed the girl went to the hotel with a man at about 10.30 p.m. last night.

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## RAY MILLAND'S COLUMN

### One man I try to avoid —and my Big 3 in pictures

I'M a movie fan. Back home I go to the movies at least once, often twice, a week. The stars I like to see best are Ronald Colman, for his polish; Ingrid Bergman, for her naturalness; Humphrey Bogart, for his rebelliousness.

If Ray Milland is on the bill I stay away. I never see myself in films unless I have to. I don't like myself in pictures.

Knowing how the wheels go round has disadvantages. The average movie fan might not notice a fractional fault in synchronisation when an actress is singing. He mightn't observe one slight gaucherie in an actor.

Little flashes on the screen, result of reflections from the camera lens, might escape him. These things smash my illusion, bring me slap out of the imaginative adventure created by the film back to the stark realities of the set rigged up in a corner of the studio.

I'm such a movie fan that I resent this more than somewhat.

#### What I Like

FANTASTIC pictures are the ones I like best. I like to see the resources of the cinema exploited in some original adventure of the mind which would not be possible on the stage.

For that reason I enjoyed "A Matter of Life and Death" at the Royal Command performance. For that reason I remember Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" as one of the best films I ever saw.

Crossing from New York I liked "The Magic Bow," with Stewart Granger, so much that I saw it twice on board ship. The music in that picture was as good as anything I have heard from the concert platform. That story of the violinist-composer Paganini is just another warning to Hollywood that British pictures are catching up on us.

LIKE nearly everyone else of any age I am enchanted by Disney. But he makes a mistake in introducing human characters. It's the animals we want.

A new character in animated cartoons is having a big success in Hollywood. This is a wise-cracking rabbit called Bugs Bunny. This crazy creature's cute.

#### Give Me Blimp

If you had to be shipwrecked on a desert island with three films—not forgetting the projector—which would you choose?

I would take "The Maltese Falcon," "Going My Way" and "Colonel Blimp."

But maybe it will never happen.

DO books make good films? Sometimes. The story is what counts. A film company in Hollywood have bought Wendell Willkie's One World. It remains for someone to buy the rights of the prospectus of the amalgamated cinema. Or perhaps a current bank report.

COLOUR is a wonderful medium for outdoor subjects. Not for drama.

Colour distracts the attention when it is used in films requiring close concentration on the argument and dialogue. When the eye is led away the mind wanders and the thread is lost.

There is a lot of discussion about how much of a film's success is due to the actor, how much to the director. In my view, the responsibility breaks even. One thing is sure. A bad director cannot help a bad actor. Name the men I consider the best film directors? I dare not.

#### Personality

If I were asked to pick one quality—looks, voice, figure, what have you—which I think essential if a film star is to please, I wouldn't know. It is impossible to analyse the charms of a lovely woman equally vain to dissect the components of a great movie star.

It's the sum of the complete personality that other appeals, or fails to appeal.

If there is any one test, it is the ability to get that personality over when sitting still and doing nothing.

The East-West team in to-day's deal had a legitimate complaint against Lady Luck!

West, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ 9 6 4 3  
♦ K J 5 3  
♦ K Q 7 3  
♦ 4 6

**WEST**  
♦ Q J 8 3  
♦ 7 6  
♦ J 8 4  
♦ A 10 8 5 7

**EAST**  
♦ 5  
♦ Q 10 8 4 3  
♦ K Q J 5  
♦ A K 10 7 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ A K 10 7 2  
♦ 10 9 6 5 2  
♦ 7 4 3

The bidding:  
West Pass North Pass East Pass South Pass

East, a strong player, felt that after his partner had passed it was worth while to reduce his own chances for reaching a slam in order to keep the opponents quiet if they held the spade suit, with some diamond strength. Hence, he pre-empted

with considerably more honour tricks than are usual for such bids.

It was an unfortunate action! Instead of being shut out—as he unquestionably should have been—South definitely came in at the four-level with a hand that might have been slaughtered, had he failed to find the right sort of support in his partner's hand. Obviously, however, he was luckier than he had any right to expect. North not only had excellent spade support—he also had strength where South needed it most, in diamonds, and even the singleton club to cut down South's losses in that suit.

It is fairly evident, of course, that West's double of four spades was not as sound as it might have been, but with two defensive tricks, and with no length in partner's hearts, West's decision was not too bad. He could scarcely bid his weak club suit at the five level, and passing over four spades was not completely satisfactory. South made the contract by guessing to finesse for the diamond jack.

If East had started out with one heart, West could have come in with a club bid, and then, of course, East would not have sold out short of five clubs. It must be admitted, however, that it was very bad luck to have South make his "stab" bid and find such support!

A great English actress had that quality to a high degree, Marie Tempest.

Some actresses replace the lack of this quality by posing and posturing. All the horses in Hungary would not drag the name of one example from me. I merely register that I don't care for the "mannered" school of acting.

POSTSCRIPT.—When an actor lights a cigarette on the screen, I in the audience like to light one too. In an American cinema I am not allowed to do so. That is why those little ashtrays on the seats of British cinemas give me a delightful sense that I can do a forbidden thing without fear of the consequences. So far I haven't found an answer to the problem of what to do when someone on the screen pours out a drink.

See you to-morrow.

Ray Milland

## According To Culbertson

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## Another Year Of Hunger For The Germans

By Daniel Deluce & Godfrey Anderson

**BEATEN** Germany, after almost six years of war and over a year and a half of allied occupation, faces a new year of hunger, disease and unrest.

Most of her 60,000,000 people are on self-starvation rations. Black markets prey on them: poverty drives many to crime and tuberculosis, rickets and other ailments are widespread.

The Reich's land must help to support hundreds of thousands of occupation troops and nearly 1,000,000 aliens.

By Allied estimates, more than 4,000,000 German men, who are needed to rebuild the country still are prisoners of war.

Military government officials of the United States and British zones see this outlook for Germany in 1947:

Continued slow starvation diet for millions; "irreparable damage" to children's bodies unless they are better fed; some repatriation of prisoners; some reduction in occupation forces, and a "partial solution" of the displaced persons problem.

Food still is the German's gravest problem. Over 40,000,000 are on Allied charity in the United States and British zones.

"Normal" daily ration is 1550 calories, compared with the 2000 calories the health administrators deem "a minimum sufficient to maintain nutrition." No early solution of this problem is in sight.

**GERMAN TRADE**

American and British officials seem agreed that "incentive" loans should be given German trade to enable the country to export its products to get a means to pay part of its own food bill.

They say that although this might reduce the Allied burden, it is not likely to improve the German diet much.

The United States, Britain and France, occupying Western Germany, give a monthly physical examination to record the decline in public health from chronic malnutrition.

Tuberculosis is spreading at a staggering rate. The growth of venereal disease rates since the surrender, blamed partly on the Allied garrison armies, is described as fantastic.

A health official said a "large proportion" of postwar babies in German cities have bone deformations for want of vitamin D.

Black markets and traffic in narcotics and alcohol flourish in many cities.

**GENERAL POVERTY**

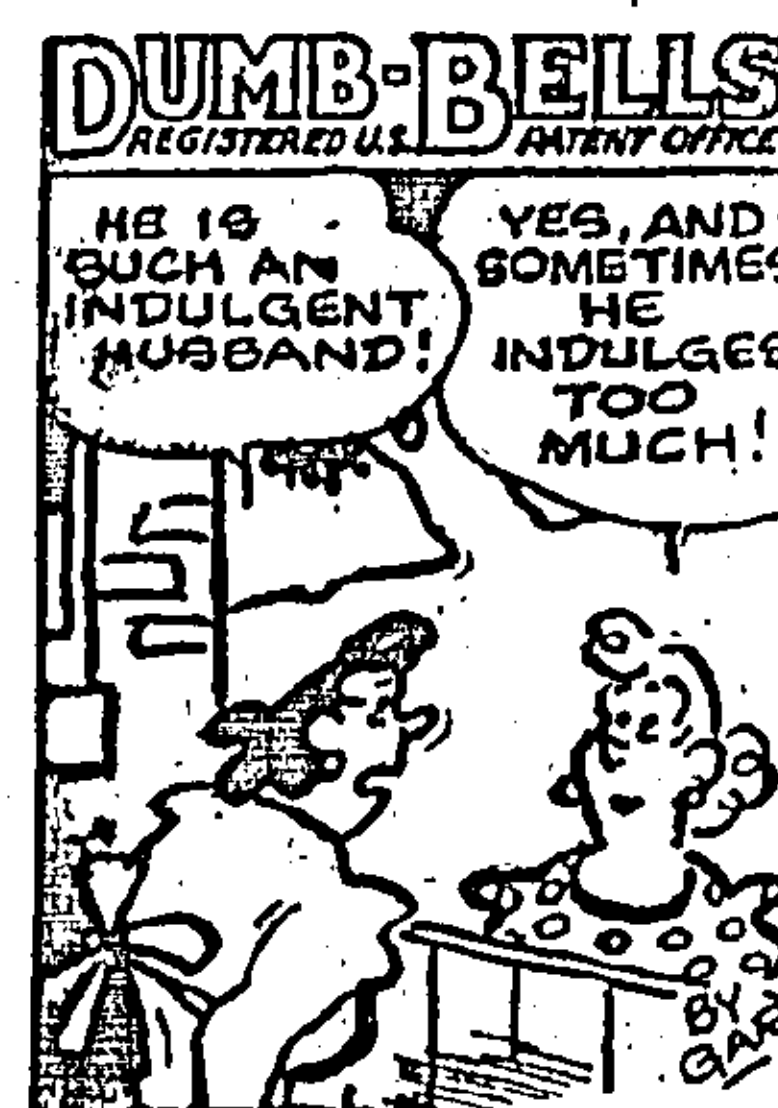
Poverty is the lot of most people. For example, an average Düsseldorf worker is paid up to 30 marks a week. He cannot afford potatoes at five marks a pound or black market apples at 12 marks. So he lives on bread. He may wait in line for 12 hours to get it.

The Düsseldorf police report a marked increase in crime. The poor steal from their neighbours. They wreck wooden signboards for fuel and pilfer produce from farmers. Recently, a train was held up at Oberhausen.—Associated Press.

Seven Norwegian girls and one each from the United States and Sweden are among the foremost skaters currently attracting attention as they cut dazzling and intricate figures on the ice of London's indoor rinks and receive instruction from British and foreign coaches.

The American champion is 21-year-old Gretchen Merrill of Boston, Massachusetts, who is being coached by Jacques Gerschwiller, instructor to Britain's former ice-skating queen, Cecilia Colledge. The Swede is Maj Britt Rönnerberg and the Norwegian are Liv Borg, Bjorg Lohner, Ingeborg Nilsson, Bjorg Vaabym, Elise Hagen, Lilly Gran and Margot Walte.

In addition to practice, these skaters are scheduled to give exhibitions. They are not permitted to enter the British contests but they will be able to estimate what competition they will have from Britain when they watch the performances of Daphne Walker, Marion Davies and Jill Jood Linzee in the British Empire Championships at Wembley Stadium. These are the girls on whom Britain places its main hopes for the world championship.—Associated Press.



## Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1—Able
- 2—Tired
- 3—A number
- 4—Flattery
- 5—Town in Oklahoma
- 6—Jackets worn by knights
- 7—Game dab
- 8—Hurry
- 9—Norwegian diplomat
- 10—Let it stand
- 11—Wordless scarp
- 12—Stunt fall
- 13—Out
- 14—Eliminate
- 15—Indefinite article

DOWN

- 1—Tooth on wheel
- 2—Blackbird
- 3—Male relative
- 4—Vases
- 5—Rural poem
- 6—Yes (Sp.)
- 7—B-shaped worm
- 8—Filter duck
- 9—Picture taker
- 10—Pun
- 11—It follows around
- 12—A grain
- 13—Outline
- 14—Wander
- 15—Voice range
- 16—Ornamentation
- 17—Block of meat
- 18—Verses
- 19—Adherent of
- 20—Back (Fr.)
- 21—Put in
- 22—Overlook
- 23—Drive license
- 24—Tree found in
- 25—With (It.)
- 26—Horse god
- 27—Sheep's cry
- 28—Set of sails
- 29—Spring
- 30—Purr
- 31—Tale of a fox
- 32—Tale of a fox (comb. form)
- 33—Printer's measure

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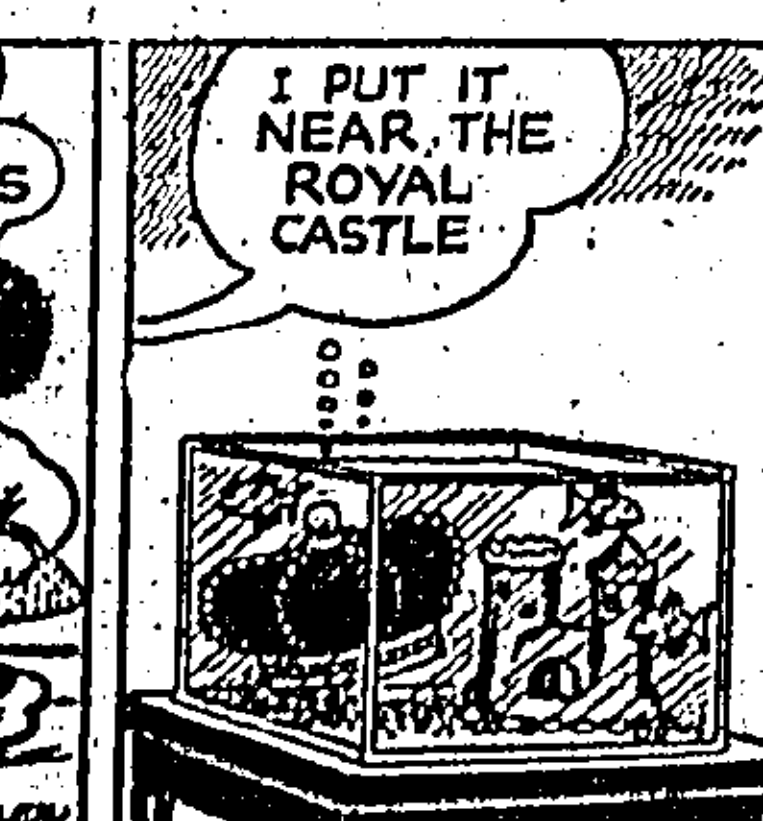
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## NANCY That'll Teach Him

By Ernie Bushmiller



**When You Feel Tired and Restless**

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## FOOD ATTRACTS MANY TOURISTS TO EIRE

The attraction of plenty of steaks, eggs, milk, cheese and other foods brought a record-breaking number of tourists to the Eire in 1946. David Barry, general manager of the Irish Tourist Association, reports.

Most of Eire's tourists were fugitives from the austere food rationing still prevailing in the United Kingdom. Visitors came from England, Wales and Scotland on their vacations to eat and drink.

The twenty-second annual report of the association noted that a trickle of tourists arrived from the United States during the year.

Shortage of accommodation at hotels and resorts prevented thousands of persons from making a trip to Eire. Barry said many persons have made advance reservations for this year and even later. There is one reservation made for 1951.

Barry said postwar tourists were spending much more freely than pre-war visitors. He estimated that prices in Dublin hotels and restaurants were about 20 to 25 per cent above the pre-war level.

### Typical Dinner Menu

A typical dinner menu in one of Dublin's leading hotels includes hors d'oeuvres (potato salad, tomatoes, hard-boiled eggs in mayonnaise, cold meats and various vegetables), choice of two kinds of soup, a choice of two kinds of fish, a choice of flet mignon or sweetbread and a main course of roast duck with potatoes and vegetables, followed by an ice cream sundae or pastry.

## WINSTON CHURCHILL OF TEXAS

Having the same name as a world-wide celebrity has its drawbacks. So says Winston Churchill, a sophomore player on the Texas Tech basketball team.

"Why, it's practically impossible to cash a cheque regardless of the identification I may produce," said America's Winston Churchill, who is a distant relative—fifth nephew—of England's wartime Prime Minister.

"When I tell a clerk that I'm Winston Churchill, he usually gives me that 'Yeah, and I'm Joe Stalin' look."

Another major problem, says the Texas Winston, is placing a long-distance telephone call. "If you don't believe that," commented the Texas student, "just try sometimes to convince an operator that you're Winston Churchill."

But he usually gets around this one by using his first name—George—although he actually goes by Winston in everyday life, says Associated Press.

Young Churchill says his family line left the British Isles when his great-grandfather went to the United States in 1890.

He received a telegram from the famous Winston when the latter was on a visit to America in 1942. Churchill said he was honoured at having a member of American branch of family named for him.

## New Experiments With Parachutes

The United States Army, continuing a series of experiments with rebuilt Nazi V-2 rockets, is preparing to try out parachutes as a means of recovering instruments fired to heights unexplored by balloons.

Parachutes have not been used in previous tests, he said, because German reports indicated that parachutes could not withstand the high temperatures encountered as they re-enter the earth's atmosphere. However, he said, the yield of recovery of scientific instruments sent aloft has been high following their subsequent crash to the ground, according to Associated Press.

## NEW WYOMING CAVES FOUND

A cave resembling in dimensions and wonders the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico has been discovered in Mormon Canyon, south of Glenrock, Wyoming.

A group reported after crawling into the cave that it was made up of several "rooms" resembling Indian teepees and ranging upward in size from 25 feet in diameter. One "room" was found to be 100 feet in diameter.

Temperatures in underground reaches averaged about 40 degrees, says United Press.

## Films Show Intimate Life Of Hitler

Intimate new details of the life of Adolf Hitler and his sweetheart, Eva Braun, have been uncovered by the United States Army by the seizure of 31 reels of moving picture films of the couple at play, says Associated Press.

Showing in glittering technicolor hitherto unrecorded scenes of gay parties at Berchtesgaden and bathing in the nude under mountain waterfalls, the films were dug from a secret hiding place in the Bavarian mountains.

Taken between 1939 and 1941 while the world was at war and long before the couple's eventful marriage in Berlin, the films were described as the personal property of the German Fuehrer and his bride.

Intelligence officers said the films had been used in the search for wanted Nazis and the positive identification of hundreds of members of Hitler's entourage.

The candid shots were taken mostly by Hendrich Hoffman, Hitler's own photographer, who now faces trial by his own countrymen before a denazification court.

Officers said that the entire collection takes 10 1/2 hours to show. Shots of Hitler show him gazing out over the small Bavarian peaks, raving at Himmler, Ribbentrop and Goering, dancing a jig or angrily waving a huge moustache-placed while studying a map of the war fronts.

The films show frequent scenes of Hitler with Eva Braun. In one sequence, she is shown with the closest members of the Braun family. Her sister, Grete Fegelein, in another sequence is shown bathing in the nude under a mountain waterfall.

## NEWSLETTER FROM THE MIDLANDS

By Percy Cater

In order to guard against obscurity and loneliness in old age, a unique insurance scheme has been launched by Brierley Hill Consultative Committee of Social Service.

It is planned to build six new type clubs, with the aim of ensuring that the old people renew their interest in life and people, without the feeling that they are in other people's way. Regardless of age, every man and woman in the district is eligible to be a member of the club. Therefore it is proposed to raise the £2,000 needed to complete the scheme by penny-a-week collection.

Birmingham's first postwar night club will be opened in a 17th century house in Chase Road, Erdington, the owner of which is Mrs. June Meader, writer of historical novels. The name of the club will be "Foursquare" and the facilities include a small dance floor, dining room, a number of bedrooms, and a licensed bar.

"This is not going to be one of those hectic night clubs—just a social centre where one can have a dance and a drink in comfortable surroundings," Mrs. Meader said.

New Baptist Church The new Perry Beches Baptist Church at Great Barr, Birmingham, will be two prefabricated concrete buildings, connected by a permanent brick structure. One building will be used exclusively as a church, the other for women's work and a youth centre, and the brick structure consists of a committee room and kitchen. This may become a pattern for other schemes until normal buildings conditions return. The scheme, encouraged by Birmingham's Baptists, is part of a national aim to cater for the religious needs of new housing centres all over the country.

A special meeting of the Guild of Undergraduates of Birmingham University has been held to discuss criticisms levelled at their Hospital Week magazine "Carnival". It is understood that the Birmingham Christian Social Council and University authorities have had consultations on this matter. Sample descriptions of the magazine are "revolving", "offence to women", "our pagan magazine" and "lewd drawings of women and risque jokes in the Esquire tradition".

The editor, Mr. W. Whelan, admits in his editorial that it does "contain some of the lowest student thought in the country" but the University Secretary says that it is the students' affair, and it does raise money for the local hospitals.

Municipal Sports Arena What is at present an old gravel pit filled with water will, it is hoped, be the site of Birmingham's municipal sports arena capable of holding 30,000 people. Reaction of the city's Public Works Committee to the scheme, which will be carried out at a new housing estate at Sharn End, about five miles from the city centre, is stated to be favourable. There are two pits on the site, and in a provisional way it has been suggested that one be used as an ornamental boating pool and the other as a sunken arena with a track diameter of roughly 350 by 250 yards.

Miss Eileen McKenna, 26-year old member of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's secretarial staff, who represented her city at the jubilee celebrations in Birmingham, Alabama, has returned home after "a wonderful time" in America. "The hospitality I received was overwhelming. On two nights I did not sleep at all, in fact I was too busy to eat or sleep properly. I lost two inches from my waist line during the visit." Miss McKenna carried back letters of greeting from many American organisations and established many important civic contacts.

## NEW SITES OF ANCIENT CULTURES

At least eight layers of human culture may be identified in newly-found archeological sites in the Viru Valley of Northern Peru, according to scientists of the Smithsonian Institution.

Three thousand years of human life are recorded in evidence that has been found, the archaeologists estimated.

The scientists, according to Associated Press, said the Peruvian valley is, in a sense, "an epitome of the history of man," where culture "advanced from primitive agricultural communities to planned cities. There were times of war and peace, of prosperity and depression, of democracy and fascism."

About 300 archeological sites, such as the former locations of villages, cemeteries, and religious structures, have been located. Dr. Gordon R. Willey of the Institution said. They were discovered through aerial mapping by the Peruvian Army Air Force.

## REACTION IN JAPANESE CULTURE

Professor Klaus Pringsheim, for 15 years director of the Tokyo Academy of Music, believes a renewed cultural programme in Japan is directly dependent upon the absolute separation of all art from politics, reports Associated Press.

"Art and science cannot advance under the kind of governmental interference exerted by the Japanese military during the war," he declared in an interview.

"Although the controls maintained by the so-called cultural societies and the police were abolished officially by the occupational government, the remnants of these forces remain," he said.

Pringsheim said reactionary elements are still particularly evident in the realm of music, which in war time was confined to the works of pro-Axis composers.

## Irrigation Project In Canada

Southern Alberta will have a total of about 700,000 irrigated land acres, and the farming capacity of the entire region will have been greatly increased when the St. Mary-Milk rivers irrigation project is completed, reports Associated Press.

Cost of the project is estimated at \$15,000,000 and it is expected that irrigation waters from the St. Mary River dam will be flowing into crop lands by August, 1949. Final completion is anticipated in seven years.

## Collaboration Trials In Philippines

Faced with the possibility both of a presidential amnesty proclamation and the decision of the Supreme Court that United States sovereignty in the Philippines was suspended during the Japanese occupation, the Philippines Peoples Court is reported by the Manila Press to be in a state of "suspended motion."

Cases of major government officials accused of collaboration with the Japanese have been delayed week to week, including those of Puppet President Jose P. Laurel, his Ambassador to Japan, Jorge B. Vargas, and Belisario S. Aquino, founder of the Kalibapi totalitarian political society.

The first case on the new year calendar is the trial of Rafael T. Alunan, an occupation Minister of Agriculture and Commerce. Then comes the trial of Dr. Camilo Orlan, American-educated puppet Minister of Education.

Carmen Planas, who before the war was Manila's first woman city councillor and known as "Queen of Cocheres," will be tried on January 15, together with her mother and two brothers, all charged with economic collaboration.

Meanwhile, the puppet cabinet minister, Teodoro Sison, who was given a life sentence almost a year ago, is still out on bail pending an appeal to the Supreme Court.—Associated Press.

## Plan To Build New Dam Near Sydney

The New South Wales State Government hopes to quadruple Sydney's water supply by the erection of a dam, the largest in Australia, at Warrogon, 70 miles from the capital, says Associated Press.

Work would be completed in seven years, and the dam would build up a reserve of 400,000 million gallons of water.

### Rupert and Ninky—10



The two pals enter the house and call for the conjurer, but there is no answer. "Never mind," says Rupert. "We'll find the stuff and give you plenty. Come with me." She leads the way down to an underground store-room full of the conjurer's things and from a box she lifts an armful of soft cotton wool. Rupert touches it. Then he draws back sharply. "Oo, it does feel funny," he chuckles. "It sent a queer little thrill through my fingers and all the way up my arm! How does it do it?"

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## ORIENTAL

FINAL SHOWING TO-DAY: 2.30-5.15-7.15-9.15 P.M. A Terrific Adventure in Terror and Dangerous Romance! With a hunted man whose secret was more dear to him than his life... with the three women he kissed but dared not trust!



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Tyre Production

American motor car tyre manufacturers produced in the first 10 months of last year 104,053,907,462 passenger car tyres—more than were manufactured in any year in the past decade.

The previous high was 60,000,000 in 1940.—Associated Press.

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## Locked In Stable With Bull

A divorce on the grounds of cruelty was granted recently to a woman in Birmingham who testified that her husband, among other things, had locked her into a stable stall with a savage bull, says Associated Press.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Dear, were you serious last night when you told the Joneses you were going to persuade the boss that he was planning to vote for the wrong man?"



# Marshall May Revamp US Diplomatic Posts

BY PAUL SCOTT RANKINE

## Tientsin Economic Difficulties

Tientsin, Jan. 8.

Chinese industrial circles are facing great financial difficulties with the approach of the Chinese Lunar New Year, and some textile factories and dyeing plants may find it very difficult to tide over this critical period if no Government loans are forthcoming. Mr. Li Chu-chien, Chairman of the Tientsin Industrial Association and non-partisan delegation to the PCC, told Central News in an interview to-day.

Mr. Li said that present economic difficulties were chiefly caused by the unsettled internal political situation and the disruption of communications.

Industrial and commercial circles in Tientsin have so far not received sizeable loans from the Government because the central authorities are not fully aware of the economic situation here, he said, adding that the Tientsin Industrial Association is appealing to the Ministry of Economic Affairs for financial assistance.—Central News.

### Facing Major Problems

Nanking, Jan. 8.

"The Government is making every effort to achieve reorganization, but nothing concrete can be announced yet," Dr. Peng Hsueh-pai, Minister of Information, declared at this afternoon's press conference.

Asked to recapitulate some concrete modifications in the administration as a result of the promulgation of the new Constitution, Dr. Peng said: "The reorganization is gaining momentum and the Government is determined to enforce the Constitution."

Asked as to what concrete measures are being taken by the government to meet the threatened crisis in commerce, industry and labour, the Information Minister replied that the Government has every confidence that there will be no great disturbance. The nation faces major problems of reconstruction, resulting from the war and the postwar devastation of economy he said. They are to be solved by purely financial measures and can only be dealt with by years of earnest work and strict national economy. Before the major problems can be solved, the government has to keep existing industry and commerce going and promote gradual improvement. It also has to fight against rumour-mongers, profiteers and hoarders every day, he added.

Many specific measures have been taken from time to time and others will be taken as the need arises, said Dr. Peng.—Central News.

## Life In Russia

by

John Lawrence

HOW does the ordinary Russian man-in-the-street live?

What is his home like? What sort of clothes does he wear? How much food is he getting? How are his children reared?

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## "The Hongkong Telegraph"

Don't miss the first instalment in Saturday's issue.

A wholesale shake-up in the highest ranks of the State Department and possibly in United States representation overseas is expected to be made by Gen. George Marshall when he takes over the Secretaryship of State from Mr. James Byrnes.

In addition to a number of existing vacancies in the higher grades, new vacancies will, it is believed, be made by the departure of the following: Firstly, Mr. Dean Acheson, Under-Secretary of State, who acted for Mr. Byrnes during his long absence from Washington.

Mr. Acheson has been asked to be allowed to return to his private law practice for some time, but may stay on until Gen. Marshall is able to familiarise himself with the work of the Department.

Secondly, Mr. Benjamin Cohen, who was one of President Roosevelt's "Brain Trust" and became one of Mr. Byrnes' closest advisers throughout the peace negotiations.

Thirdly, Mr. William Benton, who has been in charge of American propaganda overseas.

There are also reports that General Marshall is planning to replace Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, Ambassador in China, by Lt-Gen. Wedemeyer, commander of the United States forces in China.

There are said to have been complaints within the State Department that because of Mr. Byrnes' long absence, the organization of the State Department has become slack. Gen. Marshall, although untied as a diplomat and negotiator, has

## MILCH TRIAL RESUMED

Hamburg, Jan. 8.

One of Marshal Goering's last statements before the War Crimes Tribunal at Nuremberg was admitted as evidence against Field Marshal Erhard Milch, Goering's chief assistant at the German Air Ministry, when his trial was resumed at Nuremberg to-day, the British News Service in Germany reported.

When Goering was interrogated on the deportation of foreign workers to Germany, he said: "The procurement of labour for the Reich Air Ministry was handled first by Lt-Gen. Udet (killed in 1941 while testing a new weapon) and later by Milch. Fritz Sauckel (Director-General of Labour), as far as I know, had nothing to do with the distribution of labour."

Milch's brother, who was defending Goering, requested that this statement of Goering's should not be used. "Goering is dead and cannot be examined as a witness," he said. "It is therefore impossible to prove the inaccuracies contained in this document."

The President of the Court declared that the Court would reserve its deliberations on how far the document should be considered as conclusive, but it was, meanwhile, admitted.—Reuter.

## SAN SALVADOR HOLDS OUT

Lake Success, N.Y., Jan. 8.

San Salvador to date is the only country among 28 others, which has refused to accept Secretary-General Trygve Lie's notification of the UN General Assembly's recommendation for the withdrawal of ambassadors and ministers from Madrid.

The San Salvador government replied "reserving" its position, thus neither rejecting nor consenting. Of the 28 others, 20 replied they had no diplomatic relations with Franco. The United States, Brazil, Greece and Paraguay all replied they have vacancies in their Madrid embassies and will not name new ambassadors.

Russia, China, the Philippines, Britain, the Netherlands and Sweden have not answered, but Britain withdrew its ambassador and the Netherlands recalled its minister. Colombia, Uruguay, Panama and Turkey acknowledged receipt of Lie's communication but gave no indication of their intentions.—United Press.

## MAHARAJAH FOR AN EVENING

A story of the short but gay career of the Maharajah of Peshawar was circulated in London in the wake of New Year's celebration.

A 27-year old British officer, repeatedly refused reservations at the exclusive Claridge Hotel with the declaration, "Sorry, all booked up," telephoned again identifying himself as "secretary to the Maharajah of Peshawar."

He asked for a table for four and got it within five minutes. Then, wearing a gaudy turban, he enjoyed himself hugely, banking in the respect and admiration of the hotel staff which could not be expected to know there was no Maharajah of Peshawar.

Washington, Jan. 9.

established a reputation, as Chief of Staff during the war years, of being one of the most brilliant administrators in the United States.

### Tightening Up

Gen. Marshall is expected to tighten up the United States diplomatic service at home and overseas from the top to the bottom. Those acquainted with his political viewpoint predict that he will speed up the elimination of officials with alleged Communist or extreme Left-wing affiliation. Members of the new Republican-dominated Congress have been clamouring for such a step for some time.

Gen. Marshall's reorganization may involve the introduction of more military leaders into the diplomatic service. Of top ranking United States war leaders, Gen. Marshall will be in charge of the State Department, Gen. Belknap Smith is Ambassador to Russia and Lt-Gen. Mark Clark, Commander of the United States occupation in Austria, has just been appointed Commander of the 6th Army in San Francisco.

Diplomatic observers point out that some of the major diplomatic problems facing the United States are also military problems.

### Groomed For President?

The theory that Gen. Marshall is being groomed as potential Democratic presidential candidate for 1948 gained ground among political observers. They pointed out that the domestic political situation has played a larger part in President Truman's line of thinking than international considerations. Gen. Marshall, who as Secretary of State would become President of the United States if anything happened to President Truman, has an opportunity between now and the presidential election of 1948 of building up a reputation as a diplomat and peacemaker rather than as a war-winning general. This is politically important because of the traditional American objection to electing a general to the White House.—Reuter.

### Stop-over At Guam

Whitehead, Guam, Jan. 9. During a brief stop here on his flight to Washington, Gen. Marshall was asked if he would follow Byrnes' general policies. He smiled and said: "I would be foolish to answer a question like that at this time."

Marshall heard of his appointment on the plane's radio, knew it was forthcoming. "I had discussed it with the President," he explained.—Associated Press.

### Emphasis On Pacific

Shanghai, Jan. 9. Chinese political circles express the belief that Gen. Marshall's appointment would mean that the State Department will turn its main attention to Russo-American relations, with emphasis on the Far East.

High Government quarters are reported to be greatly concerned whether the earmarked, but unexpended, half billion dollar United States loan to China would materialise.—Associated Press.

### Russians Pleased

Moscow, Jan. 8. The appointment of Gen. Marshall as the new United States Secretary of State is viewed with great satisfaction here.

The Russian press has not yet commented, but diplomats here with long experience of negotiations with the Russians believe that Gen. Marshall will be appreciated and respected, especially for his forthrightness and dignity.

His year of experience in China is regarded as the best possible preparation for the intricacies of negotiation with which he will contend in Moscow.—Reuter.

### Nomination Approved

Washington, Jan. 9. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday unanimously approved President Truman's nomination of Gen. Marshall to succeed Mr. James F. Byrnes as Secretary of State.

Almost immediately the Senate unanimously confirmed the appointment. The chairman of the Senate, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, called a special meeting of the Foreign Relations Committee because, he said, "It is imperative to demonstrate by immediate action that this country's foreign policy continues unchanged despite Byrnes' resignation."—Associated Press.

### Chinese Press Comment

Shanghai, Jan. 8. The United Press Peking correspondent, Royce Packard, reports that Chinese language newspapers North China attach great significance to Marshall's return to the United States and anticipated some change of American policy towards China, although they predominantly felt that the change would not be unfavourable to the Generalissimo.

The newspapers generally expected Marshall for failure in the peace talks. The pro-government press almost unanimously attempted to fasten the blame for the collapse of the peace talks to the Communists.

An attitude not borne out by Marshall's statement which affirmed that Kuomintang and Communist responsibility.—United Press.

## JOE LOUIS ON MEXICAN TOUR

New York, Jan. 8.

Joe Louis leaves New York on January 26 for an exhibition tour of Mexico and Central America.

The first exhibition will be in Mexico City on February 5—a 10-round bout with Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavyweight whom Louis beat twice in title fights.

Louis expects to return in mid-March to start training immediately for his June title defence.—United Press.

## MARINES TO BE TRIED SHORTLY

Peiping, Jan. 8.

Headquarters of the United States Marines here announced to-day that the military court which will try the two marines accused of raping a Chinese girl student has been set up and will convene as soon as the judge-advocate and the defence counsel have prepared their cases.

The rape charge was the basis for the nation-wide student demonstrations against Americans in China last week.

The announcement made clear that investigation by military police has been completed, and recommendations based on these investigations, formulated by Col. Julian Frisby, Commanding Officer of the Peiping area, have been approved by the Marine headquarters at Tientsin.

The statement added that the charges against the marines have been drawn up. It is generally expected the trial will commence within one week.—United Press.

## FOOD BY RADIATION CHEMISTRY

A prediction that the world may some day feed its starving by the use of radiation chemistry—the secret of photography—was made recently by Dr. Charles F. Kettering, head scientist of General Motors, to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, says Associated Press.

Radiation chemistry is also known as photosynthesis, and is a method of natural uses, Kettering said, to make the earth's present food supply out of carbon dioxide, water and a few minerals.

"We know little of the process now," he declared, "but some day we may be able to reproduce it in the laboratory."

Kettering said photography reproduces nearly all of man's use of this kind of chemistry. In industry, the radiation principles are in use to only a small extent.

Kettering also proposed that man get his fertilizer from the sea. He said he believed that if necessary he could obtain from the sea the already supplies magnesium and bromine and has even yielded a minute quantity of gold.

## Passengers Strip Car Equipment

Passengers on Berlin's subways and elevated trains are "just ordinary bandits," complains the Berlin press.

Two rebuilt passenger trains were recently put into service between the Anhalter and Friedrichstrasse railway stations. Within six days they had to be withdrawn again.

The coaches had been stripped of their imitation leather upholstery, windows and all electric light bulbs—equipment which is practically

## Nanking-Communist Split Over Yellow River Project

Nanking, Jan. 8.

The Yellow River problem is fast approaching a climax as Hsueh Tu-pi, chairman of the National Conservancy Commission, told the United Press yesterday in an interview that the government was determined to return the river to its old channel within a month.

At the same time the Communist liaison chief, Tung Pi-wu, is apparently exerting every pressure to obtain a postponement.

Hsueh said emphatically: "We cannot permit obstructions by a minority to impede the progress of such a big engineering project which has such far-reaching effects on the country's economic rehabilitation and on which the government has expended so much money."

Meanwhile, the government papers—Central Daily News and the Peking Daily—gave unusual prominence to the Yellow River problem to-day, carrying the Conservancy Commission's reply to Tung Pi-wu's charges that the government is seeking to divert the river across Communist

## Russia Sceptical Of Japanese Purge

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Obviously sceptical about the Japanese Government's delay in the matter, the Russian delegate in the Allied Control Council proposed that SCAP order the Japanese to fix definite dates for clearing rural ultra-nationalists from office and electing successors.

The proposal by the Soviet member, Lt-Gen. Kuzma Derov-yanko drew the implied approval of the British delegate, Mr. W. MacMahon Ball, who told the Council's American chairman, Mr. George Acheson, Jr., that he thought Russia had "produced an answerable case" and that it was "reasonable to ask when elections will be held."

Acheson, who represents both Gen. MacArthur and the United States Government on the council, replied that there was no delay in effecting the purge, an Imperial ordinance for which was promulgated a few days ago. He said he understood that municipal elections would be held about April 15, that date being contingent on the progress of the purge.—Associated Press.

### Transport Minister Resigns

Tokyo, Jan. 7.

Transportation Minister Tamejiro Hirasaka told Japanese newsmen to-day that he had offered his resignation to Premier Shigeru Yoshida, who has taken it under advisement.

Hirasaka said he desired to quit because he came under the purge list when the government to-day added the Nichiro Fishery Company to the list of companies whose former executives are purged automatically. Hirasaka was president of the Nichiro firm, from which he resigned after his cabinet appointment last year.

Japanese observers predict that Yoshida will accept Hirasaka's resignation, and usher in a series of changes in cabinet posts in an effort to reorganise the cabinet to cope with existing difficulties, particularly economic problems.

The government has also added the Taiyo Fishery Company to the purge list. The Taiyo company at present is operating one of the two Japanese whaling fleets in the Antarctic.—United Press.

## Dottie Yuen In 'Frisco

San Francisco, Jan. 8. Bundled in a pilot's fur-lined jacket, 24-year-old Edith (Dottie) Yuen arrived today on an Army transport plane from Shanghai en route to St. Louis for treatment of threatened tuberculosis.

Dottie is an American citizen by virtue of birth in the United States. Her doctor will be John F. Shaner, former major in the Army Medical Corps attached to the 12th Air Service group in China. He became acquainted with her there.

When her illness sapped her weight to 98 pounds, he arranged for her to come for treatment.

Born of a Swedish mother and a Chinese father, Dottie said she had not been in the United States for 12 years.

"I am glad to be back," she said. "Twelve years in the Orient is a long time."

She expects to spend two or three days here before continuing her journey.—Associated Press.

## Malayan Rubber Exports Down

Singapore, Jan. 8. Malaya exported 69,163 tons of rubber during December 1946, 10,487 tons less than in November. The United States took 43,001 tons, and only 4,706 tons went to the United Kingdom.—Associated Press.

Impossible to buy in Berlin to-day. Ten glass which the street car company was using to protect time schedules at car stops, disappeared as fast as it was installed. Authorities found that Berliners were using it to patch broken windows, says Associated Press.

## N.Z. Cocks Eye At Antarctic

Washington, Jan. 8. Dispatches from Oslo and Wellington to-day showed that the Norwegian and New Zealand governments are closely watching the Antarctic developments.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser was quoted in dispatches as saying New Zealand is striving to interest Britain and Australia in a polar research plan with the possibility of sending an expedition to establish a permanent scientific station in the Ross Sea Dependency.

Meanwhile the Scripps-Howard expedition, the Byrd expedition, Jim Lucas, to-day radioed that the Cruzon task force made sustained headway in a drive southward through a thick icepack to towards Little America.

Three vessels in a tiny "creek" pushing through the ice directly behind the icebreaker Northwind were able to keep moving southward at five to eight knots.

Lucas said poor weather prevents observation of the extent of the ice-pack still ahead but it was believed the vessels may be out of the ice-pack in another 48 to 72 hours.

Lucas reports no serious damage done thus far but all the vessels suffered buffeting by the ice.—United Press.

## The Pope On Press & Films

Vatican City, Jan. 9.

Pope Pius said that "unconditional liberty of the press and films" could not be permitted if it operated "to undermine the religious and moral foundations of the life of the people."

The Vatican has been under attack recently by the anti-clerical weeklies of Italy.

The Pontiff told members of Roman nobility that the granting of full liberty for such conditions would be "legalising licence." He told the formally dressed gathering that uncertainty continued to mark times "despite some notable progress we hope may prove lasting," and he urged the necessity of participation by all in the shaping of a new world for the good of all.—Associated Press.

## LEGION DESERTERS

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One hundred and fifty Chinese men, women and children have escaped from the embattled Chinese-Annamite quarter of Hanoi, according to a French message received in Saigon to-day. They have reached safety in the quarter of the city under the control of French forces.

The dramatic escape was made across front lines and through sporadic small arms fire exchanged by French and Viet Nam fighters. This is the first reported movement of the Chinese population of Hanoi since the breakdown in recent attempts by the Chinese Consul-General to obtain assurances from the Viet Nam Command that Chinese property be considered neutral.—Reuter.

### STAND-BY ORDER

Paris, Jan. 8.

All combat troops stationed in France have been warned to be ready for service in Indo-China. The order, which was issued by the French Defence Minister to-day, stipulates that the men called up for such service must be at least 18 years old and have undergone six months' military training.

Two companies of experienced French soldiers left the military training camp at Toulon, south France to-night for Indo-China.

The British, United States and Chinese consuls in Hanoi, scene of heavy fighting between French and Viet Nam forces, to-day crossed the fighting lines on foot into Viet Nam outposts to seek assurances of safe treatment for 200 French hostages, according to French messages.

The outcome of this move is not yet known. Another message from Hanoi says that the Viet Nam now shows a tendency to "return to political activity" and there is a possibility of renewed negotiations. A Reuter message from Calcutta stated that M. Marius Moutet, French Colonial Minister, who has been on a mission to Indo-China, arrived by air at Calcutta to-day on his way back to France.—Reuter.

## REPUDIATES CHARGES

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strength of Indonesians if they are willing to get chased out of Indonesia. We are strong enough to throw them back into the sea."

Soodman charged that the Dutch are responsible for the latest wave of fighting by their aggression. "We are strong enough to meet force with force," he cried. "We cannot answer the shameful Dutch actions with written protests alone."—Associated Press.

## SHIP SAID SHORT OF RATIONS

Vancouver, Jan. 8.

Representatives of the International Seamen's Union here have inspected the British cargo ship Brighton (7,345 tons) on complaints by some members of the crew that provisions had run out on the ship's 47-day voyage from Ceylon.

The seamen said that they attached no blame to the master of the ship, Captain A. Somerville, who ordered emergency rations when the food shortage was discovered 23 days out from Ceylon. One of the crew said: "We were hungry, but there was not a sick man on board. Our rations could have carried us for at least another fortnight."—Reuter.

## Transjordan Ruler In Turkey

Ankara, Jan. 9.

Amid splendid Asiatic pomp and ceremony which the worst snowstorm of the season could not dull, King Abdullah of Transjordan was welcomed to Turkey yesterday on a visit expected to culminate in a treaty of friendship.

King Abdullah was greeted by President Ismet Inonu as he arrived on the Presidential train 24 hours after stepping on to Turkish soil at Iskenderun.

The full significance of the visit became clearer on Tuesday night when the King told Turkish newsmen at Adana that he hoped his visit would bring about a pact uniting the two nations in friendship, brotherhood and mutual understanding.

As expected, King Abdullah refused to comment on the old Turkish-Syrian dispute over Halaq, which the Turks received in 1936 from the French mandate administration.

"Since Turkey and Syria are neighbours they seem to be in a better position to settle their own questions," King Abdullah was quoted as saying at Adana.—Associated Press.

## U.S. VULNERABLE TO ATOMIC BOMBS

Chicago, Jan. 8.

Robert M. Hutchins, on leave of absence as Chairman of the University of Chicago, speaking as chairman of the Board of Editors of the Encyclopedia Britannica said in a speech here to-day that the United States would have more to lose "and would lose it more quickly" in an atomic war than most other nations because she is more vulnerable to a swift atomic attack.

Hutchins said: "The United States must expect the other powers to learn the atomic secrets within five years. Our cities are more densely populated and more important to economy than Russian cities."

He said the use of atomic energy for heat, light and power is just around the corner and predicted the army will be able to demonstrate the commercial use of atomic energy by next May.—United Press.

The death occurred here to-day of Henry Pope, aged 68, textile manufacturer and co-founder with the late F. D. Roosevelt of the Warm Springs, Georgia, Infantile Paralysis Foundation for which he donated the site.—United Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated: Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below.

**Tuesday, January 9**  
Australia (sea) 3 p.m.  
Kongmoon (sea) 3 p.m.  
Manila (air) 3 p.m.  
Canton (train) 4 p.m.  
Swatow (sea) 4 p.m.  
Canton (air) 4 p.m.  
Hankow, Tientsin, Peiping (air) 3:30 p.m.  
Canton (sea) 5:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday, January 10**  
Manila (sea) 3 p.m.  
Saigon (sea) 3 p.m.  
Swatow (sea) 3 p.m.  
Amoy, Swatow (sea) 3 p.m.  
Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland, Amoy, Hongkong, Kanton, Hankow, Tientsin, Peiping, Shanghai (sea) 3 p.m.  
Canton (air) 4 p.m.  
Canton (train) 4 p.m.  
Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peiping (air) 3:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, January 11**  
Manila (air) 10 a.m.  
Swatow (sea) 10 a.m.  
Shanghai (sea) 10 a.m.  
Amoy, Foochow (sea) 10 a.m.  
Shanghai (sea) 2 p.m.  
Manila (sea) 3 p.m.  
Australia (sea) 3 p.m.  
USA, Central and South America, Canada (sea) 3 p.m.  
Hankow (sea) 3 p.m.  
Brisbane, Mauritius, South Africa (sea) 3 p.m.  
Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Surabaya, Sydney, Auckland (air) 3:30 p.m.  
Canton, Amoy, Hongkong, Kanton, Hankow, Tientsin, Peiping (air) 3:30 p.m.  
Canton (train) 4 p.m.  
Canton, Luchow, Kuning (air) 3:30 p.m.

## TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

220V on 645 Kc from 12:24-1:15 p.m., 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. also on 0.5 Mc Studio: Children's Hour, 6:30-7:30 p.m. "Service Music Hall," 7: London Relay: News, 7:10 London Relay: Home News from Britain, 7:15 Gene Krupa and His Orchestra, 7:30 Jazz Piano Selection, 7:50 Organ Interlude: Reginald Foort, 8 London Relay: News, 8:10 Studio: "Gospel Glow," 8:30 News from London, 8:45 "Jazz Society," 9:10 The Song, (Borrua) Alexander Kipria (Bass) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra, 10:15 Schubert Quintet in A Major, Op. 114, "Trout," 11 Close down.

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